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SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH • HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipated): 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
or by appointment with the pastor.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed during lunch 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Submit all bulletin announcements to bulletin@saintjosephcc.com no later than Friday, a week prior, at 12:00 p.m.



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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For all inquiries, please call Maritza Holland at the parish office. For sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, there must be at least one year of formation immediately prior to the preparation for the sacraments.

BAPTISM. Parents and godparents must attend a baptism preparation session before scheduling a baptism.

MARRIAGE. If you intend to be married at St. Joseph Church, you must be registered in the parish and be active by donating your time, talent or treasure in support of parish projects. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation is also required. Couples planning marriage should contact the parish before setting a wedding date.

OCIA. Adults and children of catechetical age are welcomed into the Church through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Please call Fr. Joseph Lubrano at the parish office to schedule an anointing.

FUNERALS

We have a number of people to help plan funeral liturgies. Please call the parish office before contacting the funeral home to avoid scheduling conflicts.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our parish and wish to register, please call the parish office for the appropriate forms.

A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am: +Carole Eskridge
5:00pm: +Sonny Mitchell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:15am: For the Parish
11:15am: +Linda Alt

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

7:00am: Batchelder Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

7:00am: Joyce & Monique Dewberry

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00am: +Rev. Dr. Charles Merrill

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

7:00am: For the unborn
9:00am*: +Jay Bayer

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00am: Jim & Barbara Lamb

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

8:00am: +Dave Royer
5:00pm: +George Banks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15am: +Bobby & Nancy Leslie
11:15am: For the Parish, +Rufina Ponce

***HFS School Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is great to see all the progress being made on our campus – the extended parking lot, the new playground and the future placement of Holy Family School Phase II. I hope you were able to attend this week's groundbreaking ceremony.

The reflection for that day, August 12, in *The Word Among US: Daily Meditations for Catholics* was interesting and important. The readings were: **Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Psalm 113:1-6/Matthew 18:15-20.**

**"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Matthew 18:20)**

Relationships can be difficult. Whether with a sibling, a friend, a spouse or a coworker, any number of factors can challenge us and threaten our unity. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses these challenges when he tells his disciples, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." (**Matthew 18:15**). He then describes other avenues in case a one-on-one conversation doesn't bring about reconciliation - all the way up to the final resort of treating the other person "as you would a Gentile or a tax collector" (**Matthew 18:17**).

Although this passage is mainly about discipline regarding bigger issues within the Church, it has something to teach us as we try to love one another and work out our day-to-day relationships with each other. Jesus promises to be with us in our efforts to live in unity. "Where two or three are gathered in my name," he tells his disciples, "there I am in the midst of them." (**Matthew 18:20**). This is such a generous, gracious promise! What more could we possibly ask for?

The process Jesus describes in this reading is more than just a formula or a set of steps; it reveals his desire that we do everything we can to bring about unity and reconciliation, and his readiness to help us. It's his encouragement for us to have faith in him and confidence that he will be with us, truly in our midst, whenever we try to work out our relationships.

Take some time in prayer today asking God to reveal to you just one of your relationships that is lacking in unity. Then ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom to try to work toward repairing it. Trust that Jesus will be in your midst as you do. Even when things are hard and our relationships are not at peace - especially then - Jesus promises to be present: with his grace, with his wisdom, with his love. You don't have to have it all together in order for him to make his presence known. This is a promise we can hold on to!

"Lord, help me to remember you are always with me, especially in difficult relationships. Give me the grace of unity and reconciliation."

This is an important reminder as we strive for what is truly important. I hope and pray that you have a happy and holy week. You are in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Always in the Savior, Fr. Joe

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I will be leading a Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe from September 14–25, 2026. During that time, there will be no 7:00 a.m. daily Masses and no 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass on September 19.

On the weekend of September 19/20, Fr. Roy Runkle will be here on Saturday for Confessions at 3:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m., and for Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In addition, **no meetings or activities** are to be held on campus after 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from September 14-25 and no meetings or activities on the weekend. If your group has standing meetings at these times, we apologize for any inconvenience.

Fr. Joe

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Barbara Brodeur, Carolyn Wingenter, Zanetta Brown, Faye Fletcher, Batchelder Family, Stachura Family, Elaine Sayre, Maddie Clearly, John Rourk, Jr., Cindy Morales, Linda Dimmock, Ralph & Helen Kissel, Judi Trygg, Cecilia Hall, Deacon Mike Rooney, Jane and Dena Bell, Marie Basta, Richard Brown, Jena Lanzell, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Lang, Jackie Weems, Bob Strang, Jacqueline Meador, Adrianna Hilburn, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Therese Thomas, Art Sandridge, Chris Karlson, Mary Vandergraft, Anna Wilks, Bill Boehme, Kennita Turner, Anna Belander, the Price family, Gail Johnson, Sally Cox, Mary Andrus family, George deVuyst, Milly Kuszynski, Brent Weisbecker, Mary Jean Travis, Jean Arndt, Mil White, Fr. Tim Pfander, Bobbie Quintana, Jr., Ezra Morris, Larry Barnett, Susan Sheehy, Chris Johnson, Gary Wilson.

Note

If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office. When that person recovers, please call again to remove their name so that others can be put on the list. Thank you, Fr. Joe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Ezekiel 24:15-23 Ps Deuteronomy 32:18-21 Matthew 19:16-22	Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Matthew 22:34-40
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28:1-10 Ps Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Matthew 19:23-30	Saturday	Ezekiel 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matthew 20:1-16	Sunday	Isaiah 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Matthew 22:1-14		

IT'S HARVEST TIME AT ST. JOSEPH! Join us at the St. Joseph Ministry Fair, learn about our different ministries and organizations, meet fellow parishioners and find your special place to serve. Dates are August 22 and August 23 in the Fr. Messmer Center/Gym after all the Masses. Share your gifts and grow closer to God through active service. We need both youth and adult volunteers to help our parish thrive. There is a place for every talent, time commitment and interest. All are welcome!

Rooted in Faith, Growing Together, Serving One Another

ST. JOSEPH LADIES BRUNCH BUNCO is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026 in the RE Center beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at about 1:00 p.m. We meet on the third Thursday of the month. All parishioner ladies and guests are invited to join us for three rounds of Bunco, great food and fellowship. Cost is \$5 and bring a potluck brunch item to share.

Please call or text 256-520-7650 if you plan to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PORK BUTT FUNDRAISER We are once again offering full-size smoked pork butts for \$50 each. Council members will sell tickets after all the weekend Masses from August 15 to August 23.

Pork butts can be picked up on September 5, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the church back parking lot. Please note that the pork will be refrigerated. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and you must have them with you to redeem your order. Thank you for your support!

THE MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, August 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias Maronite Church, Birmingham, in the Parish Hall. Our speakers, Mary Margaret Rohling and her son, Frank, will share an inspiring journey of an addiction survivor's recovery through faith in God and the fierce, unconditional love of a mother and her fervent prayers.

Tickets are \$20 each, or \$15 for students ages 13 to 22, and a catered breakfast is included.

Tickets are available online at BirminghamMagnificat.org, by contacting Jan Smith at (205) 381-8481 or from Alpha Church Supply and Holy Roses Flowers and Gifts. No tickets will be sold at the door or after August 23.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish Sunday Mass nursery schedule for July through September has changed. Nursery services will be available every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. but only on the second and fourth Sundays at 11:15 a.m. There will be no nursery service at either Mass on September 6, Labor Day weekend.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection	\$ 8,894.00
Other Designated Funds	\$ 3,600.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUGUST 22, 2026-AUGUST 23, 2026

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00pm: Clark Harmon
8:15am: Maddie Lynch, Paige Howell
11:15am: Michael Terry, Kevin Garcia-Ecudero

LECTORS

5:00pm: Randy Buckner, Terry Thompson
8:15am: Don Gregory, Donna Howell
11:15am: Booker Terry, Beatrice Terry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00pm: Tammy Hoskins *, Marian Kilgore, Michelle Sanner, Patty Ayala, Karen Thompson
8:15am: Paula Bertrand*, Josette Dant, Laura Hall, David Brost, Anne Heatherly
11:15am: Michelle Jansen*, Monique Kitts, Jim Powell, Jennifer Luna, Nelene Odutola

Religious Education

Formation and Catechesis

RE 2026-2027

Classes begin on August 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All students and parents will meet in the gym on the first day of class.

FORMATION CALENDAR

- Aug. 16 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- Aug. 23 RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- Aug. 30 RE Parents Meeting
RE/OCIA 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Hall/HFS/Parish Office Building
- Sept. 6 **NO RE/OCIA—LABOR DAY**



2026 FUN DAY September 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the St. Joseph Catholic Church campus. There will be games, prizes, food trucks and, of course, a raffle.

You can help make this a successful event by purchasing raffle tickets, donating new items for bingo prizes, cakes for the cakewalk or 2-litre sodas for the ring-a-pop game.

Signup sheets are in the church vestibule and breezeway. Bingo prizes and 2-litre sodas may be dropped off before each weekend Mass on August 29/30 and September 5/6. Cake-walk cakes may be dropped off on Friday, September 11 in the breezeway.

"THE SPIRITUAL CARE OF THOSE GRIEVING SUICIDE LOSS" will be presented by the HAPC School of Applied Ministry on Tuesday, September 17, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive in Huntsville. Please enter at The Community Room, Entrance 7.

Supper and registration at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$35.00 per person, except for sponsoring churches. CEU's are available for nurses and social workers. Zoom option is also available.

Contact malmcarl@hotmail.com or 256 883-6539 for more information or to register.

IF YOU PLAN TO MOVE: Please give the church office your new address so that we can correct our mailing lists, or take you off if you are leaving the area.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Here Is What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

- 4:00pm: HFS Capital Campaign (LMR)
- 5:00pm: HFS Advisory Council (LMR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 10:00am: Parish Staff Meeting (LIB)
- 6:00pm: Xmas Box Planning Meeting (LMR)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30pm: Knights of Columbus (LMR)
- 6:00pm: 11:15am Choir (SJC)
- 7:00pm: 8:15am Choir (SJC)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10:30am: Ladies Bunco Group (LMR)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 6:00pm: Lay Salvatorians (SFH)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Ministry Fair (FMC)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Ministry Fair (FMC)

- 9:30am: RE/OCIA (HFS/SFH/LMR/LIB)

Facilities Key

- FMC = Messmer Center/Gym
- SJC = St. Joseph Church
- SFH = St. Francis Hall
- LMR/LIB = RE Center
- STA = St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
- BRZWY = Breezeway
- VBC = Von Braun Center